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2016 REVIEW

Newry, SAD 44 in school withdrawal stalemate

The Newry school withdrawal issue took several turns during 2016 but by year's end had still not been resolved. The withdrawal process, intended to produce an agreement between SAD 44 and Newry for Newry residents to vote upon, is currently in a stalemate. Negotiations stalled this year after Newry asked for counteroffers from the district to the town's proposal to gradually decrease over 10 years its share of the budget after withdrawal.

As that situation developed, a parallel effort got underway to change the way local school funding is shared among district towns - currently it is based entirely on town valuation. Some viewed such a change as a possible way to keep Newry from voting to leave the school district - a move that would severely impact the remaining towns financially, because they would have to make up for the loss of about \$2.5 million from Newry, according to SAD 44. Newry has high valuation but few students.

A district-wide committee met during the summer and crafted a proposal implement a formula based 90 percent on valuation and 10 percent on pupil count for the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years, and 85 percent on valuation/15 percent on pupil count for FY'20 and all fiscal years thereafter.

The question appeared on the Nov. 8 ballot, but it was defeated. Some officials in the other towns argued that the current formula is fair and therefore should not be changed.

In early December Bethel resident Scott Cole told the Newry Withdrawal Committee he and others plan to seek state legislation to end the town's SAD 44 school withdrawal process.

The NWC itself voted to send a letter to the SAD 44 School Board, asking the district if its negotiating position that had resulted in a stalemate would remain the same. The Newry panel also discussed whether to recommend taking SAD 44 to court over the issue, but did not make a decision. The committee also discussed the possibility of asking for a vote at the March Town Meeting on whether to continue the withdrawal process.

Wind worries in the region

The possibility of wind power projects in Greenwood and Milton prompted worries and protests in 2016.

In early December the Greenwood Planning Board approved a meteorological test tower to be erected by Calpine Corp. on Long Mountain in Greenwood, to see if the site would be a viable location for a wind project. The tower would gather data for two or three years before that could be determined, Calpine representatives said, though they expressed optimism it would be a viable site for 15 to 17 towers.

The question of a possible wind project in nearby Milton was debated through much of 2016.

The township, like others in Maine, is in the "expedited" area of the state, where the wind project approval process bypasses what would otherwise be a rezoning step by the LUPC.

Any wind project would still be reviewed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

But a new law allowed UT residents to petition for removal of their township, or parts of it, from the expedited area, thus adding the LUPC step.

A petition from Milton residents in January requested that, but, subsequently a property owner requested a "substantive review" of the petition.

A wind power company, EverPower Maine LLC, put up a meteorological test tower in the area of Bryant and Chamberlain mountains in Milton to gather information for a potential 9-to-12-tower, 40 megawatt project, prompting local concerns. Parts of Woodstock, Greenwood and Bethel are near the location.

Property owners who would benefit from involvement in the possible project through leasing their land favored keeping the expedited classification, but many neighbors favored the additional review, citing concerns about scenic, recreational, noise and environmental impact.

In December the LUPC voted to keep Milton in the expedited area.

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CHRISTMAS JACK O' LANTERN

Ross Swain of Andover has crafted his annual snow sculpture - dubbed "Jack" - at his East Andover home. Swain uses everyday objects he has or finds to help form the backbone and features of each sculpture. In this version, the mouth is made out of a wheelbarrow, and eyes and nose are five gallon buckets. Swain explained his choice for this year's theme: "I decided to throw friends and neighbors a curve this year. One of the clues I gave was that it was holiday-themed (just didn't say which holiday). As the sculpture was being built a few people mentioned that it looked a little like a Jack o' Lantern, but 'obviously' that's not what it would become. So, the answer was hiding in plain sight."

Submitted photo

"We make broadband better"

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Following a recent Business After Hours at The Gem Theater, about 30 people attended a presentation by Maine Fiber Company Vice President Jeff McCarthy on access to broadband data transmission for rural Maine.

McCarthy gave a history of the Three Ring Binder project, explained how his company differs from broadband providers, and answered questions about the future of broadband access.

"We are a middle-mile, dark fiber optic network," McCarthy said of the network called the Three Ring Binder.

"We're not a broadband provider; we're not the company that will have our name on your bill when you buy broadband or phone service. We're kind of upstream from residential or business broadband providers."

The Three Ring Binder was established with funds from a federal stimulus grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which set aside money to be used to improve access to broadband Internet in rural areas.

The University of Maine and Internet service provider GWI collaborated to determine how Maine could leverage the available funds to enhance broadband access.

They determined that a major obstacle to improving data transmission in many areas of the state

was the lack of a network of high-capacity fiber optic cable.

Maine Fiber Company was formed to take charge of the project and a middle-mile network was designed as part of the grant proposal.

Named for three "rings" of fiber strung through western, northern, and downeast Maine, the Three Ring Binder project received a \$25.4 million federal grant, which was contingent on the investment of approximately \$7.4 million more in financing from Maine Fiber Company's private investors.

Although approximately 250 structures—mostly cell towers and community anchor institutions such as schools and hospitals—are currently attached directly to the network, McCarthy said, most users access broadband through local Internet service providers like Oxford Networks, Pioneer, and GWI, or cable companies.

The Three Ring Binder "interconnects with last-mile networks, the connection that goes to your house, or down your street," he said.

"Dark fiber" refers to the transmission medium only, or the potential network capacity of the infrastructure. The fiber is "lit" when it is connected to electronics by local ISPs or other contracted customers.

Maine Fiber Network "just leases dark fiber," McCarthy said. "We made a conscious decision not

to get into the lit services business, where we would put equipment on either end of that, because there are plenty of businesses in Maine that employ a lot of people that do that themselves."

"We didn't want to use the federal subsidy that we got to build the fiber to take advantage of those people and put them out of business," he added.

"We don't make broadband; we make broadband better."

Benefits to communities and state
About 50 percent of the fiber network has already been leased by entities that include ISPs, public sector networks like the University of Maine System, wireless phone service providers, international content providers like Facebook and Microsoft, and private sector businesses.

Building the Three Ring Binder has increased competition among ISPs, providing increased performance and reliability while holding down prices for consumers, McCarthy said.

He cited, in particular, the network's success in down east Maine.

"We built fiber all along Route One down east and up and across into Canada and in the Calais area, and we now have six providers up there, where there were just two before," he said.

"We have over 130 schools connected to the network already, so that's

a big plus from a community benefit perspective, because they then have unlimited bandwidth," McCarthy said.

The majority of the network that has been leased so far is under contract to ISPs, who use it to expand their service.

"Maine Fiber Company will host all of these ISPs so that they can exchange traffic with each other, without having to go up the protocol to New York to turn an email around that was just going to go to the house next door," McCarthy said. "That creates big efficiencies in the network."

Because Maine Fiber Company was established as a nonprofit, any revenues result in a reduced cost for people to participate in the exchange, he said.

"The idea is, let's build a Maine Internet, basically, so that traffic doesn't have to leave the state if it's just going from a Time Warner email account to an Oxford email account. Right now, it goes all the way to New York and back, and those providers have to pay for all that traffic that goes there."

In the event of a cyber attack on a large city such as Boston or New York, McCarthy added, "all the traffic in the state, for the participants in the exchange, continues to work."

The future of connectivity
One member of the audience asked if the data speed of his connection in West Paris would be limited by the type of connection used by his last-mile provider, in his case, DSL.

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Signs a headache in Bethel

Under criticism for a sign ordinance that some businesses see as too restrictive, Bethel selectmen voted twice during 2016 to suspend enforcing the ordinance.

Enforcement was first suspended in January, following discussion about allowing banners outside businesses. The suspension was approved to allow time for changes to the ordinance.

In July, after changes were approved, selectmen voted to generally resume enforcement. They agreed to have Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Warden systematically bring groups of violations to them in order to approve enforcement, which he began doing. But complications then developed regarding a required road setback for signs on higher speed roads, such as Route 2.

There also appeared to be a possibility that a petition might be circulated to do away with the sign ordinance.

The selectmen ultimately voted to suspend enforcement for 120 days and establish a five-person "Bethel Sign Committee" to rewrite the ordinance for consideration by voters. At year's end the committee was focusing on six issues: a blanket prohibition of banners intended to be displayed as permanent signs; the 50-foot setback restriction on 80-square-foot signs where the speed limit is 45 miles per hour or greater; the limit on the number of signs when a business has frontage on two major roadways; the exclusion of Main Street businesses from participating in the Bethel Sign and Information System; relaxing the standard for waivers (undue hardship); and any contradictory language found in the ordinance be deleted.

Boat launch issue continues

An effort to create a new boat launch for Woodstock on North Pond became muddled toward year's end when the cost estimate increased and a bridge improvement project in Greenwood unexpectedly produced a possible alternative access.

Faced with an MDOT plan to close the Woodstock access on Route 26 due to safety issues, the town had moved ahead with plans to buy a nearby lot and convert it to a launch area. But anticipated costs for the site work came in much higher than expected.

At the same time, Woodstock town officials learned that a rebuild of Johnny's Bridge on North Pond in Greenwood resulted in more head clearance under the bridge for boaters, potentially allowing more boats to access the pond via the adjacent Round Pond boat launch. A Woodstock resident also asked if the new access would satisfy a state requirement for boat access in order for North Pond to be stocked with fish by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. He also suggested that the largest boats kept on North Pond be taken in and out seasonally at the current launch simply by having law enforcement stop traffic on Route 26 for the process.

At year's end Town Manager Vern Maxfield said IF&W had told him the Johnny's Bridge scenario might be acceptable to qualify for fish stocking, though not preferable. In any case, said Maxfield, the cost of the new launch was giving town officials pause about recommending that option to town voters.

AES future discussed

In October a petition began circulating in Andover to close the town's elementary school. Andover withdrew from SAD 44 in 2015, and the town has operated the K-5 school itself since then. Older students are tuitioned to Telstar and other schools. But the price of withdrawal has been high. The last full calendar year Andover was a member of SAD 44 (2014), the town paid a total of \$691,342 as its share (including \$180,000 to keep AES open), according to Town Office records. This year's Andover school budget is \$1.4 million, and taxpayers were feeling the pinch.

The petition was presented to the School Board, with whom the decision to close rests, in December but no immediate action was expected. If there were to be a board vote to close AES, citizens would have a right to petition for a town vote to keep it open, but there is no similar provision in the law if the board declined to close it.

Step Falls loved too much

The Step Falls Preserve in Newry proved to be too popular for its own good, as overuse prompted complaints from neighbors and residents about sanitation and parking safety problems, especially on summer weekends. People brought their concerns to the Mahoosuc Land Trust, which owns the property, as well as to Ne-

Letters

LET'S TALK

To the Editor:

I'm a political independent but, reluctantly, voted for Clinton. Trump scares me, not because of his policies but because of his behavior and personality. He won. Yet I'm fearful that supporters of the two candidates remain divided into two separate, even antagonistic, worlds. With the election over, we do not seem on track to come together again as a country as we have so often in the past. That's not likely to happen in Washington or Augusta, but I think we can make a start in our local communities. The Bethel area is a great place to try. As individual citizens, we can acknowledge our differences and then find common goals to work toward together.

I'd like to invite people of any and all political persuasions—those who voted for Trump, those who didn't, and those who didn't vote at all—to have a civil conversation about our common ground. I'm not interested in persuading or being persuaded. I want first to understand and be understood, and after that to discuss our common hopes for the country and maybe figure out what we're personally willing to do to achieve them.

I propose that anyone interested in starting this conversation contact me (824-2673 or wda@megalink.net). I'll keep a list and then survey folks to determine a good time to meet at some neutral spot. The ground rules are: 1) listen, 2) be respectful, 3) focus on what we have in common, 4) look forward, not backward. I'll buy the coffee or tea.

William Andrews
Newry

CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES 2016

To the Editor:

Once again we would like to share some of the amazing things that have made this another successful year. We have had many wonderful donations from local people as well as visitors. A special thank you to Maine Street Realty that has helped us by being the drop off for gifts as well as a place to pick up applications, the American Legion in Locke Mills for having the fundraiser again this year and Roosters for their very generous donation. There are so many who contribute it would be hard to name them all, but know that it is appreciated. Our program is funded by private donations so it is always amazing what we can do.

Every year we have something that stands out, like people who are willing to give up their Christmas (with so much trouble in this world) by pulling together to help others. This generosity happened on at least a couple of occasions this year alone. Families who go shopping together to buy gifts for others who need a little extra help this time of year, and people who we have helped in past years who have found a way to help others now. We have had people make things such as hats, scarfs, mittens, blankets, table runners, pillow cases and candy. People have bought trucks or dolls, household items, fabric, yarn, and donated their time and money so we could go out to buy what was needed.

We were able to help 87 families - 242 children of all ages and their parents. We try to make sure that they have warm clothes, something to read, something to play with and this year warm blankets for as many as we could.

We live in a fantastic community. Even when things are hard for us, we keep the spirit going and remember others. We have done this project in Bethel for 35 years and before that we worked on a similar project in the Westbrook area. Our wish for all of us is that we be kind to one another. Merry Christmas.

Nina Wheeler
Christmas For Families

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wry officials. The Maine Warden Service then got involved, monitoring the upper falls area and observing unsanitary practices by some falls users.

The MLT responded by placing volunteers on weekends on the property to monitor and educate users. A portable toilet was also added. In October "no parking" signs were placed on Route 26 near the falls parking lot, to try to improve safety.

Greenwood celebrates 200

The Town of Greenwood celebrated its Bicentennial Aug. 12-14. Overcast skies and rain showers for part of the weekend did little to dampen the spirits of the large crowd that turned out. It featured a Fire Department Fish Fry, a Greenwood Historical Society slide show, an historical book launch, a pancake breakfast, a parade with floats ranging from the historically-themed to modern businesses to the just plain funny, historical organizations, old cars and other participants. There were also displays all along Main Street, a barbecue, a church service and fireworks.

Bethel wrestles with sewer fees

Bethel's sewer saga continued through 2016 as the town struggled to find a fair means for billing customers. Some buildings in Bethel were re-categorized as multiple units several years ago, to be charged as separate "dwelling units" instead of by entire buildings. But some of the owners protested that the hike was unfair and too burdensome. The change was then suspended, leaving the Wastewater Treatment Plant budget of \$476,380 short by about \$65,000, according to Town Manager Christine Landes. In May selectmen voted to increase the base fee for sewer service. At year's end the town was compiling an inventory of buildings served by the system in order to provide more information to amend the fees structure.

Senior rides program launched

Thanks to a local initiative that came to fruition in 2016, seniors (age 60 and over) without alternative transportation options and in need of a ride to medical appointments, meetings, or shopping can now call to arrange for transportation at no charge. The AARP-sponsored Age-Friendly Community Initiative, which serves residents in the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, and Newry, teamed up with Community Concepts to bring the Volunteer Driver Program to the local area beginning in November.

When AFCI organizers conducted a general survey last year, asking area residents to identify factors that make a community a viable place for people to remain as they age, transportation emerged as the area of greatest concern. Nearly two-thirds of respondents rated transportation as key to their ability to continue to live in the Bethel area.

A transportation task force was formed in response to the results of the survey. Its members conducted a second survey specific to local transportation requirements, and determined that there is a need for a reliable, local, low- or no-cost ride service for seniors.

The Town of Bethel received a \$3,000 grant, earmarked for a local transportation coordinator, from the Harold Dudley Charitable Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. In addition, the AFCI received \$2,000 from the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, and Woodstock, some of which will be used to cover costs associated with the Volunteer Driver Program.

Community Concepts furnishes the program's infrastructure through their existing transportation program. They train volunteer drivers, conduct background checks, promote the service through their networks, and arrange rides.

For more information about the program contact Kay Larson at 824-4444.

Broadband

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McCarthy acknowledged that it would, adding, "The copper is the real issue."

Because the copper used in DSL connections "only pushes electrons through at a certain speed, the demand has outstripped the physical ability of the medium to deliver what's needed," he said.

Although DSL is still the only type of connection available to many users, McCarthy said, "I think DSL is eventually going to have to get replaced, probably with fiber."

Challenges to extending the fiber network beyond its main route include the high cost—between \$35,000 and \$45,000 per mile—and the low population density of rural areas.

However, McCarthy said, because the availability of broadband has been shown

to raise real estate values by three to five percent, and by as much as seven percent in some areas, municipal planners are beginning to consider the economic benefits of extending fiber networks throughout their communities.

The Three Ring Binder is an open-access, non-discriminatory network, available to all qualified users on an equal basis.

In accordance with the terms of the initial federal grant, part of the network is reserved for use by the state and the UMaine System.

According to the Maine Fiber Company website, the capacity of the network is expected to be sufficient to meet the demands of its customers for the foreseeable future.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Officer Phil Taylor retired from the Bethel Police Department after 17 years of service.

Deaths: Lillian M. Zakakis, Evis W. "Pip" Harlow, Hope Ring Caskey, Larry P. Heikkinen, Robert Pingree, Sr., Florice Mae Foster.

20 years ago: Ski Mt. Abram's new night skiing lights were turned on for fine tuning, just in time to add some holiday sparkle to the area.

Births: Ross Malcolm Gross, Gabrielle Molly Stone.

Deaths: Mary Jalbert, Clarence Rolfe, Hugo A. Heikkinen.

30 years ago: Sunday River and Mt. Abram both attracted a record-breaking number of skiers during Christmas vacation week.

Birth: Ashley Marie Milon.

Deaths: Phyllis I. Anders, Frank E. Benson, Walter W. Heikkinen.

40 years ago: The skating rink on the Bethel Common was nearing completion, and volunteers were needed to help with flooding and maintaining it.

Gould Academy students Mike Roy, Sue Lamont, and Luke Lockwood competed on WMTW-TV's "High School Quiz."

Birth: Joseph Allen Walker, Patrick Scott Moore.

Deaths: Mrs. Pearl M. Cole, Robert G. Murphy, Clarence C. Smith, Mrs. Bertha C. Hutchinson, Mrs. Marie Gunther.

50 years ago: Sunday River Skiway celebrated the opening of its eighth season with a renovated base lodge with cafeteria, newly paved access road, enlarged parking lot, and extensive grooming on its trails and slopes.

Approximately 100 members and friends of the Bethel Snow Twisters Snow Kart Club met at the Legion Hall.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary E. Farnum, Mrs. Julia Violet Lithgow Campbell.

60 years ago: The Gould Academy skating rink was in operation. It was maintained by the Gould Academy Outing Club during school sessions and by volunteers during vacation periods.

A Gould alumni dinner and dance was held. Dinner was served in Gehring Hall and dancing, with music by Lord's Orchestra, in William Bingham Gymnasium.

Deaths: Thomas L. Lapham, Mrs. Alice Teel.

70 years ago: There was a snowfall of about 12 inches; the first of any amount for the season.

The Grafton Lumber Co. office on the Bethel-Locke Mills Road burned. Equipment and records were entirely destroyed.

80 years ago: Maple Inn (Sudbury) was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gray of Gray's Inn, Jackson, N.H.

The stable at the home of O. H. Anderson, Church Street, was damaged by fire.

Arthur Kimball of Albany was painfully injured when he was thrown from a loaded sled. He was taken to Rumford Hospital where his right arm was amputated above the elbow.

90 years ago: F. F. Coburn of Andover lost a pair of horses when they went through the ice on the lake near Black Brook and were drowned.

110 years ago: Mr. Albert Copeland was having his hay pressed.

The superintendent of schools arranged with the Bethel Mfg. Co. to sound a "no school" signal, two three's at 8 a. m., whenever it was considered impracticable or inadvisable for the school to assemble.

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THS freshmen visit UMaine Mexican restaurant comes to Bethel

By Liz Marquis, Sun Media

Since returning from their trip to the University of Maine in Orono, about 45 Telstar Regional High School freshmen are giving more thought to their futures. On Dec. 8 after school, the Telstar Freshman Academy left for the university to visit the Emera Astronomy Center, the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, the Innovation Media Research Center and the Foster Center for Student Innovation.

Students also ate at the Hilltop Dining facility on campus, and met with an admissions counselor, who impressed upon the students that "the better (they) do in high school, the more money (they'll) get for college," said chaperon Norman Greenberg, professional educator at 4-H in cooperation with the Freshman Academy.

"It was most memorable for me to talk to the admissions counselor," said freshman Katherine Haley. "I was afraid I might not be able to go to college, so it's good to know it's going to be easier than I thought to get scholarships."

Haley, along with students Jaxen Call, Grace Van Boskirk and Emily Fraser, said that the trip definitely made them want to attend the University of Maine and also got them thinking about their futures a little more.

"I made a college binder where I'm go-

ing to put everything," Van Boskirk said. For Call, the most enjoyable part of the trip was the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, which only amplified his goal to become an engineer.

The four freshmen agreed the food at the university was better than they thought it would be, and would be a major perk of attending the college.

"It was a really fun trip," Haley said. "Everyone came home with a lot of stories."

It was obvious that the students enjoyed the trip, Greenberg said.

"They got the opportunity to be independent," he said. "They were given trust and higher expectations in a less-restrictive environment."

For Greenberg, the most enjoyable part of the trip was to see the students making connections between their lessons and the real world. In the Freshman Academy, the students were given a project to identify a real-world problem and come up with a solution using renewable energy. At the Foster Center for Student Innovation, the students were walked through a project happening there that was exactly like the one they had been working on.

"It was a perfect match," Greenberg said. "So I think it really drove the point home to them that what we're doing is important and valid and relevant to the real world."

By Liz Marquis, Sun Media

A new restaurant with a Mexican flair is coming to the Mountain View Mall in Bethel, next to Kowloon Village and Toe Tappin' Jazz Dance Studio.

Many passers-by have already noticed the colorful new paint job on the former Homeslice Pizza restaurant.

Owners Kevin and Tiffaney McAllister hoped to open La Chozza this week.

La Chozza means "the shack" in Spanish.

The McAllisters have assembled an experienced team to assist them in preparing food from scratch, and to provide vegan and gluten-free options, in addition to traditional Mexican fare mixed with some New England favorites, such as fish and chips.

Alex Helms, former kitchen manager at the Sunday River Brew Pub, will manage the kitchen at La Chozza. Chris Kauchak, also formerly of the Brew Pub, will take on the role of general manager. He comes with ample traveling experience in preparation for his new role.

"His passion is Mexican food," Helms said. "He's traveled to Mexico and Puer-

to Rico just to get different ideas about the authenticity of it. He puts a lot of effort into the food — everything will be made in-house."

The McAllisters aren't rookies when it comes to running a restaurant. They own two seasonal spots in Old Orchard Beach — The Shack, which serves seafood, and Butcher Burger, a takeout, over-the-counter venue. For them, a Bethel location was an opportunity to provide work for their employees year-round — in the summertime in Old Orchard and during the winter in Bethel.

As for the atmosphere of La Chozza, Kevin McAllister says he just wants it to have "a good vibe."

"It's primarily a Mexican place, but I don't envision Mexican music being played," McAllister said. "We'll have three TVs, a full bar, and it'll just be a relaxed environment."

The projected dinner hours of La Chozza at 117 Main St. are Monday through Thursday, 3 to 10 p.m., and 3 to 11 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The McAllisters plan to serve lunch from 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Bethel

By LINDA HOWE



Hello Bethel Citizens! Last week I had another opportunity

to attend an event at Crescent Park School. This time it was a musical put on by the 5th-grade class. The musical was titled "Elvis and the Sleigh Reindeer." What a great show performed by a group of children. The cast consisted of a variety of characters. Center stage was Elvis, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus with reindeer and elves on different sides of the stage. There were also background singers and a rock and roll band. To top it off four well known celebrities were part of the cast. They were Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Aretha Franklin and Taylor Swift. This bunch of 10 and 11-year-olds had their moves down. Their singing was full of energy and fun. Their lines were well rehearsed, and the play moved at a fast and fluid pace. The props and costumes were very creative, and many children had lines they needed to recite to the audience. One student told me that several children had stage fright, but the experience helped them get over that fright.

This musical play also had a message about friendship. The children learned that friends sometimes have disagreements but work through it to move forward. They said

friends need to know how to forgive and also know how to be forgiven. Communicating and listening help them stay together. It was a lesson that will last a lifetime.

What was noticeable was how the three 5th-grade teachers collaborated to pull off such a performance arts endeavor. They also worked with C.P.S. music teacher Mrs. Stowell to help the students learn the songs. Crescent Park School 5th-grade teachers Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Conrad and Mrs. Keane are truly a collaborative, teaching team that works very well together. It was an experience that their students will never forget. Thank you for putting on such a fabulous production. The show was a riot and so much fun to watch!

Happy New Year to all the Bethel Citizen Readers. May 2017 shower you with many blessings!

Folks with news, thoughts or events can contact me at lhowe7273@gmail.com. or by phone at 824-2328.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



The high winds during the night of Christmas Eve into Christmas Day caused

a lot of power outages. It must have been a challenge opening presents and especially getting dinner ready. Early Christmas Eve I usually talk to my family in Germany as the Dec. 24 is the actual

Christmas there. And Dec. 25 and 26 are Christmas Holidays also. Though I have been living in the US for almost 42 years, I still miss some of the German traditions.

One of my friends on Facebook is in Germany for the holidays with her family. On Christmas Eve she posted a live feed of the church bells ringing the "coming together" for the Christmas Service. It brought tears to my eyes remembering childhood memories of singing at the service with the local children's choir, the awe of seeing our tree and the presents and now missing my parents and some others no longer with us. I wouldn't trade anything for these wonderful memories, including the memories made with my children and grandchildren. I hope you all had a joyful Christmas making beautiful memories. Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com if you would like to share some memories or news.

Bettyann Hastings told me they had their annual family Christmas the weekend of Dec. 18. Two of the families couldn't make it, but Jack and Julie Warwick of Milford N.H., Eric and Celeste Hastings with sons Zachary and Cam of Corinna, Jeff and Cathy Hastings with son Justin of Kennebunk and daughter Jennifer and her fiancé

Mike of Andover, Mass. They had a lot of fun, food and gifts, but the best part was they got together.

Arlene Harrington said that she had a houseful and received plants, clothes and food. They all had a great time together. She especially enjoyed her two-year-old great-great-granddaughter, who is full of energy and fun to be around.

Here is the last Trivia question for 2016: In 1877 the (thial) Smith Farm was sold with farm and fixtures for how much?

This is the last column of this year and I want to thank all of you for making this so much fun for me. I hope you want me to continue and share another year together. At these scary times, I do wish you all love and peace, happiness and good health for 2017.

Happy New Year.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



After Christmas day's warmth, Monday morning's

Arctic air returned with a vengeance. Ginger the Springer convinced me to take a long walk around my back woods and down Barker and Ferry roads to the Androscoggin. Since the way to New's Landing was not plowed, we stomped a path through the hard crust down the

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Ladies Aid Association will start serving Sunday breakfasts

on New Year's Day morning at their building on Mill Road. They will begin serving at 8 a.m. Come on up to have some good food, support a great organization and maybe do some visiting.

During the snowmobile season of 2015-2016, I rode a total of 70 miles. It was a challenge to find enough snow for even that tiny bit of riding. On Dec. 24 this year, my daughter, my son and I rode about a third of that. It was a fun way to start a great Christmas weekend.

The Upton selectmen are scheduled to meet Thursday, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. to finalize 2016 business.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

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Dunkin loves to be around people. He makes cute noises when he wants attention. He is eager to please and should be easy to train.

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Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

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Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Last Sunday, Christmas Day, was bright and sunny but the wind was quite strong throughout the day. My brother, Steve McLain, has enjoyed a couple of days off from SAD 44 for the Christmas break. The maintenance crew still works during vacation so back to work on Tuesday to make sure the buses are ready for the return of students in the new year.

Steve and Lise McLain got a phone call from their son, Stephen, on Christmas Day. All seems well with Stephen and his family in Tennessee.

Last Saturday Norm Buttrick and Cathy McGuire, along with Daisy, Cathy's little puppy, stopped by the house for a visit. They were up to their house on the Bog Road for the Christmas Holiday.

Hugh and I called Bob and Judy Bishop last weekend to wish them a Merry Christmas and see how Judy is feeling. She is doing much better and very happy to be back home from the hospital.

Hugh and I spent Christmas Day with Tim and Michele and the grandchildren, William Chapman, Annie Chapman, Ajay Landry and Sidney Chapman. We had a lovely mid-day dinner before the grandchildren opened their gifts. Also present were Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau. When we got home, our son, Chris, called from Florida. He and his wife, Kym, are spending the week there with Kym's mom, Sherry. They planned to spend at least one day with Chris's son, Benjamin Chapman, at the US Coast Guard Station in St. Pete's.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Snow Valley Snowmobile Club will hold the first meeting of the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. Club members and interested folks will be updated on club plans and trail information for the 2017 season. Applications to join the club may be obtained by writing Dick Merrill, P.O. Box 159, Andover Maine 04216 or by calling George Thew at 207-392-1425 or emailing him at snomogeo@roadrunner.com. The Club has scheduled the following meetings for 2017: Wednes-

day, Jan. 4, Wednesday, Feb. 1 and Wednesday, March 1st. All meetings will be at the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. The final meeting for the winter 2017 season will be April 1, 6 p.m. at the clubhouse for a potluck supper and the election of officers.

The Andover Historical Society continues its work of preserving the history of our village and will meet on Jan. 11 at 9 a.m. at the Andover General Store.

There will be a benefit for Dennis Hall on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 4-7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. Dennis was seriously injured in an automobile accident on his way to working as a snowmaker at Sunday River. Food for the event will be supplied by Sunday River Skiway and served buffet style. Cost is a donation and there will be an auction of various items. Please come out and support this project to benefit Dennis, who has given much of his time as captain and member of the Andover Fire Department. It's our turn to come to his support.

Nomination papers are now available at the Town Office for one three-year term for a selectman, two three-year School Board positions and one two-year School Board slot. Papers must be returned by Feb. 7 for the election to take place on March 21.

It is the time of year to register your dog. Please bring a certificate of spaying or neutering and a current rabies vaccination certificate. Remember there is an additional fee for late registration, so register your dog promptly. This process helps guarantee that rabies is not transmitted by man's best friend and helps keep us all safe.

The various town department heads and committee chairs are reminded to get their reports for 2016 to the Town Office as soon as possible. Department head reports will be included in the Town Report. Others will be posted to our website. The Budget Committee consisting of the three Selectmen, Dick Merrill and Hallie Hutchins will meet on Saturday, Jan. 7 in the Town Office at 9 a.m.

Happy New Year—2017 to all.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



I hope everyone had a good Christmas and is looking forward to a safe and festive New Year's celebration.

The Cantata at the Locke's Mills Church, which was postponed due to inclement weather, will

be held on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 4 p.m.

Joyce Hathaway received word late last week that Eleanor Bayless's sister, Marge Wright, had passed away in Florida. Joyce writes, "Marge was one of the Case family who has a camp on Twitchell Pond and has been coming to this area for many years."

Diddy Johnson used to love to fish for brown trout from the Cases' dock on Twitchell Pond, and she once took me with her. It was early in the spring before the family had come up to open their camp for the summer, but Diddy knew all of the Cases well from her years at Bob's Corner Store and assured me that she had "standing permission" to fish from their dock anytime she wanted.

We've had kind of a hard week here in the Chapman house. Last Thursday, just three days before Christmas, we had to say goodbye to our black lab, Remy, after 12 wonderful years. While I know I'll eventually be able to think about him and remember some of his funny antics with laughter, right now I'm still finding myself getting choked up at all of the small reminders of him. Even a small thing like loading up the trash to go to the transfer station can bring me to tears, remembering how Remy would always get excited about getting to go along and get a biscuit from his friends there.

Some of you may have seen the blog post I wrote as a tribute to my good boy, but if you haven't, and you'd like to, you can read it on my website at amywchapman.com/reflections. (If you're a pet lover, you may want to have tissues handy.)

It was good to have family around for Christmas, providing a much-needed distraction. We had our usual Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas morning breakfast at home. On Christmas night, we had a wonderful chicken pie supper with some extended family at my brother Steve's.

Annie, Cait, and Will got together while Cait was home from Colorado to plan the details of their trip to Ireland in March, which sounds like it will be fun and exciting. I'm not much of a traveler myself (I've never even had a passport), but I do like to experience others' exotic adventures vicariously.

It sounds like we'll have at least one more sizable snowstorm before 2017 gets here; right now, the prediction is for up to a foot on Thursday. I got new cross-country skis for Christmas, so I'm looking forward to trying them out.

Happy New Year! Email your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.

com, find me on Facebook, or give me a call at 890-4812.

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." — Roger Caras

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



On Monday of last week Mona and I decided to travel to Augusta to witness a once in a lifetime event, that of watching Maine's only Republican elector, Rick Bennett, cast his vote in the Electoral College, the first time that Maine has split its four electoral votes among the political parties. As it turned out, we were a bit disappointed in our experience. First, it was a cold day, and there were lots of people milling around outside the Republican headquarters. We finally elbowed our way into the building, where we stood shoulder to shoulder with a bunch of

other like-minded people, a rather jovial group, as it turned out.

After about a half hour, we were all escorted outside, where there were several tables set up with those big cardboard pitchers of Dunkin' Donuts coffee and donut holes. Another 15 or 20 minutes later, Rick Bennett came out onto the porch and gave a brief rallying pep talk, and we all picked up our "Trump-Pence" signs and stickers and started marching up the half block hill to the State House. Along the way and especially just outside the State House, there were crowds of people, mostly protesters waving signs and shouting anti-Trump slogans, like "Not My President" and other similar comments. I must say, though, Mona and I did not witness any violent demonstrations or anything close to violence around us.

We finally got inside the entrance, thinking we would soon be in the State House chambers. Wrong!

Instead of running our line through the security checkpoint, we were vectored past the checkpoint, around the corner and down the stairs into a subterranean corridor (where we'd be warmer) where we immediately reversed direction and headed back upstairs from whence we had just descended!

When we again approached the security checkpoint, I looked at my watch and found it almost two p.m., and we needed to be back in West Bethel in time for a six p.m. candlelight service, a two plus hour drive. As we had no idea how long it would take to actually enter the chamber to witness the scheduled two p.m. vote, we reluctantly turned around and headed for home.

Although we were disappointed, we were still glad we had made an effort. It was a memorable experience, seeing democracy in action and witnessing an event that will probably not occur again for a number of years!



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

From the TWISI archives:

Officially, winter began less than a month ago and I'm already quite sick of it. In spite of the fact that we have not yet been hit with any major snowstorms, I've seen all the snow I care to see. And now the arctic chill is upon us. Yes, I'm still on my "I hate winter" kick and probably will be until the spring thaw whenever that will be.

I keep asking myself why I live in Maine considering how much I dislike Maine winters. Maybe it's the two or three unbelievably beautiful days we have in the spring that keep me around.

I have always been sure that I am geographically mislocated. I think I was supposed to be born in a tropical paradise, but something went wrong and I was born in Maine.

Don't misunderstand me, I actually love the state of Maine. From the rocky coastline to the lakes and ponds scattered throughout the state, there is beauty everywhere. It's not Maine, it is Maine winters that I can't stand.

I saw a bumper sticker once that said "If you can't take winter in Maine, you don't deserve summer." I don't agree with that sentiment at all. I think if you endure winter in Maine, you definitely deserve the summer. In fact, it's the knowing what's to come by May or June that keeps me sane throughout January, February and March. Maybe if I remind myself that the plants currently sleeping under a blanket of snow in my garden will start to emerge in a few months, it will help me tolerate the darn blasted blanket of snow.

If I concentrate on all the concerts in the park and other outdoor events I'll

be enjoying in the warmth of July and August, maybe it will ease the stress of winter confinement.

If I think about cookouts and trips to the seashore with my grandsons, just maybe that will help to endure the cold, snow and ice.

That all sounds nice and positive, but it ain't working. It was below zero when I got up this morning, which was several hours ago, and it's only zero now. No thoughts of concerts in the park or daylilies blooming is going to make any difference.

Every time I hear my furnace kick in, which

Right about now the sound of buzzing mosquitoes would be music to my ears.

seems to be about every 10 minutes, I hear the ka-ching, ka-ching of the oil company's cash register. Every time I step out the door I hear the chatter of my teeth and the creak of my bones. I don't hear anyone striking up the band. Right about now the sound of buzzing mosquitoes would be music to my ears.

Even as a little kid I didn't find winter very user friendly. My brothers and playmates couldn't get enough of playing in the snow. Sledding, ice skating, fort making and snowball fights were basic parts of their winter activity.

It was always a fight for my mother to get my brothers to come in the

house after several hours of pummeling each other with snow.

That was not the case with me. My poor mother would have to force me into the many layers of winter clothing, all the while telling me that the fresh air would do me good.

After all the clothing was in place so that nothing other than my eyes and nose were exposed, she would gently nudge me out the kitchen door. I would waddle a few feet into the back yard, breathe in all the fresh air I felt was required and then waddle back to the kitchen door and cry to come in.

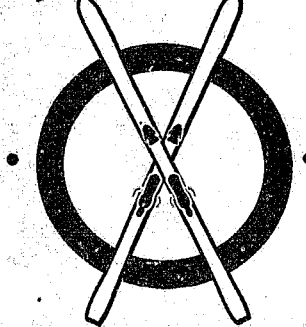
This exercise in filling my lungs with fresh winter air took all of about five minutes. It took a lot longer to get into and out of my snowsuit than it did for me to declare that I was too cold to stay outside.

No wonder my mother got frustrated with me. But I got frustrated with her, too. She couldn't understand why I didn't want to go out and romp in the snow with all the kids in the neighborhood. After all, it was the kid thing to do.

I tried to impress upon her that my idea of a fun snow day was to stay in my pajamas and sit with my feet in the oven of our big old oil stove surrounded by comic books. She never accepted that as an alternative. Funny thing though, I never saw my mother going out to enjoy the fresh air.

Well, that was a long time ago, but my attitude about winter hasn't changed a bit. However, I do love Maine so I guess I will just have to endure it. But the way I see it, I could endure it a lot better with my pajamas on and my feet stuck in the oven of a big old oil stove.

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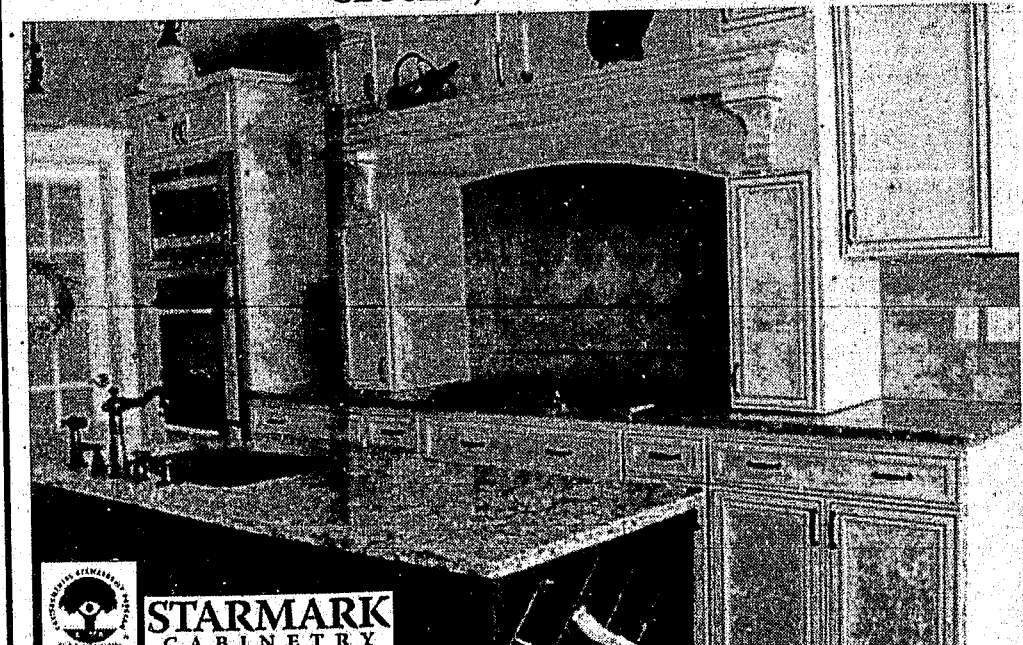
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Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange will meet at the home of Alice and Ken Hoyt on Jan. 7, Saturday, at 10 a.m. for a regular meeting and a pot luck dinner following. There will be no programs at the Whitman Memorial Library in January or February. Read a good book, visit the library at its regular hours.

There are no meetings of Judith Grover Tent #17 DUVCW in January or February. They will meet in March.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. for all ages, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Services; also Bloom for Girls 13-18, and Foundations for Guys 15 and up. New Year's Day services will be held as usual.

I hope each of you had a very nice Christmas and now have a Happy New Year and good health.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Hope all had a great holiday weekend. We did. Dave and I went off to lunch at the First Congo Church in South Paris. We saw friends from Bethel, Norway and So. Paris. I also saw friends from exercise classes. All were in high spirits. The food was great too. I think we may make it a yearly tradition. Hopefully, by next year I will be able to volunteer.

The weather has been very erratic. Now that it is officially winter, we have had days of 20 below and days of 57 degrees. Go figure. We take it as

it comes and hope that we have enough wood to make it through the winter. I know we will have enough kindling, but cord wood may get short. We will figure it out. Now that it is just the two of us, we do not have to worry about heat as much. Personally, I would just as soon wear an extra shirt as use extra heat. We do still have oil and propane, so we will not freeze even if we don't get more wood.

Friday, Dec. 30 from 9-noon at Waterford Library there is a coffee hour that is open to all. Stop in, meet with your neighbors and have coffee. FMI, please call 583-2050.

Friday, Dec. 30 at 5:30 p.m. there is a Chanukah Party. Bring your menorahs and candles, dreidels. FMI and directions, please call Elizabeth G. Roth at 256-0060. We have been lighting candles nightly since Saturday, the first night of Chanukah.

Hard to believe that next week will be not only a new month but also a new year. Not ready for all those changes, but more are to come as Jan. 20, we will have a new president with all that will entail. Changes will occur, hopefully for good. Everyone is either excited about it or fearful. In any case, change is not necessarily bad. Just different. We can all use a good shake up.

I really miss the New Year's celebrations such as New Year's Portland and New Year's Bethel. They were good, clean fun with whole families celebrating together without a lot of pressure to get drunk or drugged. I miss seeing people without a lot of pressure and all celebrating together. Maybe in a few years, someone will take it up again.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the rest of Chanukah and have a great New Year. Anyone wanting me to send something in, please call 743-0583.

Savages opening country store

By Liz Marquis, Sun Media

A new country store featuring high-end meats, gourmet cheeses and fresh seafood is expected to open next week in the former Black Diamond Steakhouse on Sunday River Road.

Owners Rick and Ron Savage, along with their wives, Melissa and Cindy, hope to open Savage Bros. Country Store the first week of January.

Melissa Savage said that when they closed the restaurant in early November for the "slow time," her husband, Rick, suggested they not reopen as a steakhouse. "Having two restaurants (Sunday River Brewing Co. and the Black Diamond Steakhouse) was almost like competing with ourselves," she said. They decided to open a country store, which they had wanted to do for quite some time.

After selling Big Bob's Country Store to Irving Oil company, Melissa said Rick missed running a store and thought it might be fun to do it again.

The new store will feature hand-cut steaks, gourmet cheeses, high-end deli meats, fresh seafood, baked breads and treats, and doughnuts baked at the Sunday River Brewing Co. "We wanted to still provide the high-quality steak and seafood our clientele have come to love," Melissa said.

The store will also provide some harder-to-find delicacies, such as boar, elk and duck bacon. "We plan to be open later, hopefully 11 on the weekends, for people coming into town and needing to buy groceries for their condos, but also wanted to have options for locals who want higher-end food," Melissa said.

For now, the store will not sell liquor or beer, because the Savages own the Sunday River Brewing Co. and the state prohibits more than one off-premise retail space if a brewery is owned.

Church Services

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor, Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available). FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church St., Bethel, Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter, Morning Worship 10:30. FMI: 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Timothy LeConey, Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main St. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

From the OCS

Patrol Log

Monday, Dec. 19

At 1:46 p.m. a report was received of a plow truck damaging a vehicle on Main Street in Bethel. Deputy James McLamb was assigned.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

(Time not given) a report was received from Bethel of mail tampering. It was found the crime had happened in Arizona.

At 11:41 a.m. a complaint of harassment in Bethel was received. Deputy Steve Witham spoke with the subject and determined no crime had been committed.

At 4:05 p.m. Cpl. Chris Davis responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Railroad and Mechanic streets in Bethel. One occupant had a complaint of possible head pain.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

At 12:04 p.m. on Route 2 in Bethel Frank Fallon of Wolfboro, N.H. was summonsed for passing a stopped school bus.

Thursday, Dec. 22

At 8:38 p.m. in Bethel Deputy Josh Aylward took a report of fraud. The incident was under investigation.

Friday, Dec. 23

At 5:19 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a car crash on the North Road in Bethel. The driver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. A warning for failing to report an accident by the quickest means was given to the driver.

At 2:23 p.m. in Bethel Donald Simmons, 28, of Bethel was arrested on warrants for failing to pay fines and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

At 3:08 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney arrested a subject at a local business in Bethel on arrest warrants.

Saturday, Dec. 24

At 9:09 a.m. Deputy James McLamb investigated a burglary at a Bethel residence.

Sunday, Dec. 25

At 1:03 p.m. Deputy Michael Fitzmorris conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a known suspended driver. The driver was given a summons.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 29

Shadagee Ramblers; Playing at Mt. Abram's Loose Boots Lounge from 6 to 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30

Coffee Hour; 9-noon at Waterford Library, open to all. Stop in, meet with your neighbors and have coffee. FMI please call 583-2050.

Chanukah Party; 5:30 p.m. Bring your menorahs and candles, dreidels. FMI and directions please call Elizabeth G. Roth at 256-0060.

Saturday, Dec. 31

Dance; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults \$5.

Sunday, Jan. 1

Sunday Breakfast; Upton Ladies Aid Association will serve breakfast at 8 a.m. at their building on Mill Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

The Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club; Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse, off

Route 5, Andover. All snowmobilers and those interested in the sport invited to attend.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Cantata; At Locke's Mills Church (postponed in December due to bad weather) 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club; Meeting at the Bethel Methodist Church 11 a.m. Potluck meal with members bringing a dish to share. There will also be the annual auction, which is a fundraiser for the club. Members will bring items for this.

Saturday, Jan. 14

Special Informational Presentation; 10 a.m. Andover, a special informational presentation, "Understanding the Mysteries of Taxation and Re-evaluation." The presenters will be John O'Donnell of O'Donnell Associates and Vern Maxfield, Town Manager of Woodstock.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Publishing Workshop; The Maine Authors Publishing and Cooperative Boston Writers Publishing and Cooperative will offer a workshop on

'Indie Publishing' from 6-8 p.m. at the Rumford Public Library.

Friday, Jan. 23

SeniorsPlus; Will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families at the Norway Town Office from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. For further information and to make an appointment, call SeniorsPlus at 1-800-427-1241.

Sunday, Jan. 29

Basket Bingo; Locke Mills Legion Hall, Gore Rd., Greenwood. Sponsored by Woodstock Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association. Doors open at 11 a.m., first game at 1 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for 16 games. Tickets can be purchased at the Woodstock School. Door prizes, raffles, lunch options available. Must be 16 or older to play. FMI: 665-2228 or 890-2812.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Bethel Historical Society; New exhibit entitled "Hooked Rugs: Art, Craft, and Design" on the first floor gallery at the Robinson House.

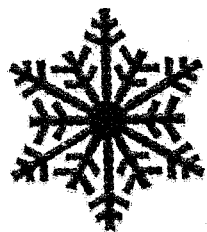


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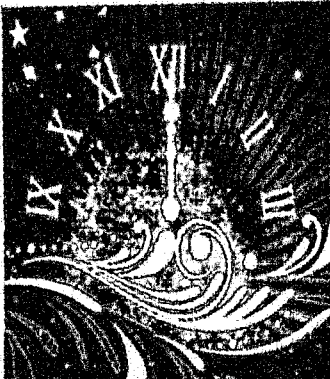
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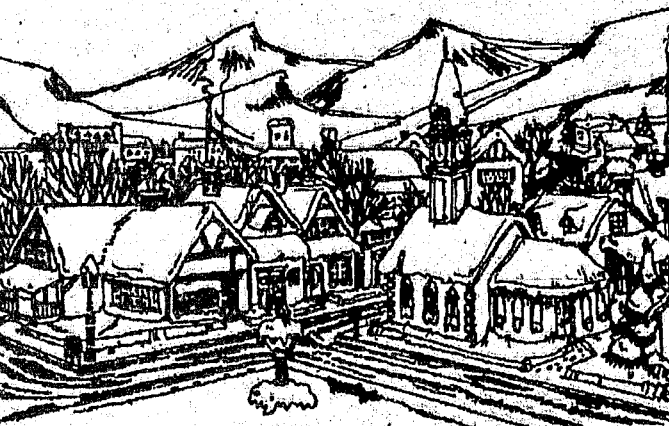
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Regular meetings and support services

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second and/or fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info or go to http://www.sad44.org/pages/MSAD_44_Bethel/School_Board).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.: Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.: Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Wednesdays, Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (no class Nov. 25) at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is \$5-\$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m.: Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.: Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.

Third Thursday, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum holds Third Thursdays Tours & Talks. Winter months' feature presentations held in the Museum Store and Preview Gallery from 3-4:30 p.m. Summer months' feature tours at renowned regional geological sites. Summer times vary depending on tour location; check MMGM's website www.mainemineralgemmuseum.org and its newsletter calendar.

Saturdays; Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is \$5-\$15. Classes are

one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com

Rumford

Fourth Thursday of the month: 5:30-7 p.m., Rumford Public Library Friends Fourth Thursday Poetry Group.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.: Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the museum.

West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.: West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Norway

Third Wednesday of the month: Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.: Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzl16@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

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AA meetings

Bethel Freedom Group: Open Discussion Meeting (seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1) Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room, at Sunday River Resort. At United Methodist Church (Main Street, Bethel): Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m.

Cancer Support

Northern Vista at Home Senior Care offers a free shuttle service to those going to re-occurring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. To schedule a ride call Gerry McCann, director at 207-836-2173.

Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m.: Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange: Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Bethel Food Pantry: serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month

from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street. (Donations should be left on porch at 57 Elm Street. Questions, contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 207-824-0369.)

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc.: operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Lyme Disease

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m.: Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club: 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris: Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford. 9

to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306).

Multiple services

Community Concepts: provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable homeownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support Group: meets the third Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group: for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: 795-6110.

LIBRARY HOURS

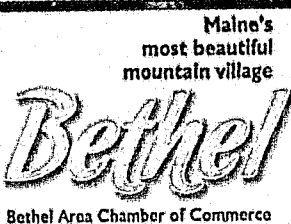
Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Tel: 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.



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- Maine Lakes & Mountains Guide
- Wiser Living • Ride Maine

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Events

The chamber organized and/or promoted many of this community's most beloved events: **Annual Awards Celebration, Bethel Art Fair, MollyOckett Day, Maine State Triathlon, Harvestfest & Chowdah Cookoff, Local Craft & Wares Fair, Light Up Main Street Jingle Walk, and Country Christmas.**

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - LET'S DANCE!

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

BOW
HOP

4 Letters

HULA
JAZZ
JUMP
MOOD
SLOW

5 Letters

CONGA
MAMBO
MUSIC
SALSA
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STYLE

6 Letters

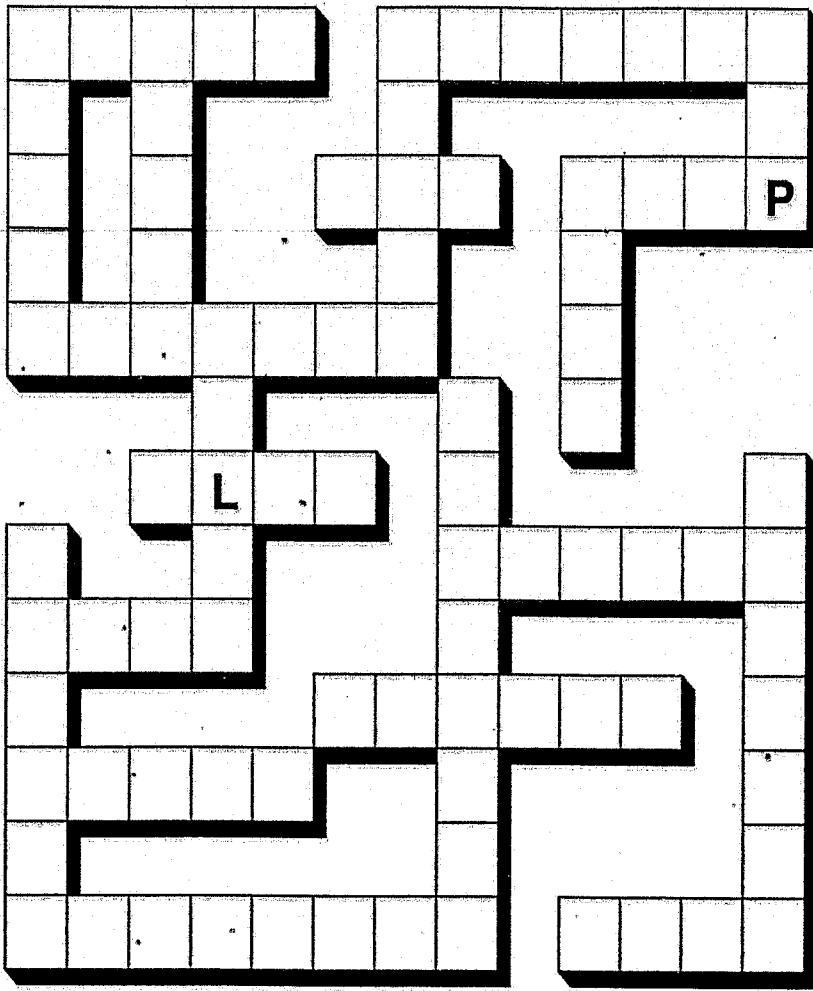
CHA-CHA
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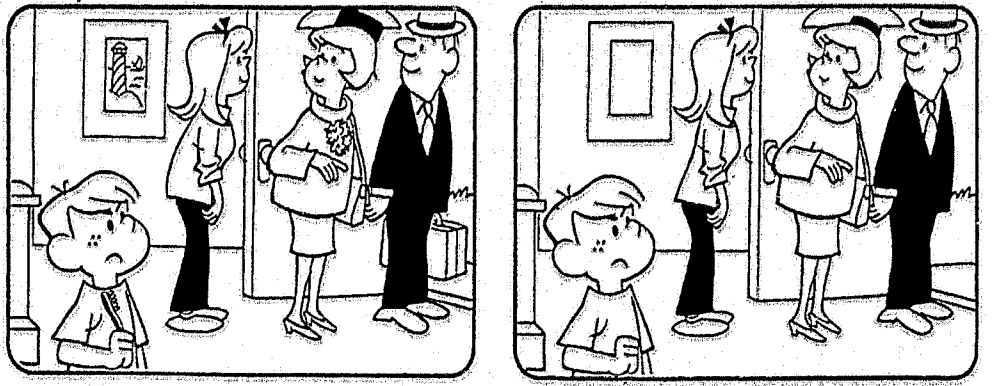
AUDIENCE
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Picture are missing. 2. Toothbrush is missing. 3. Body is smaller. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Corsage is missing. 6. Suitcase is missing.

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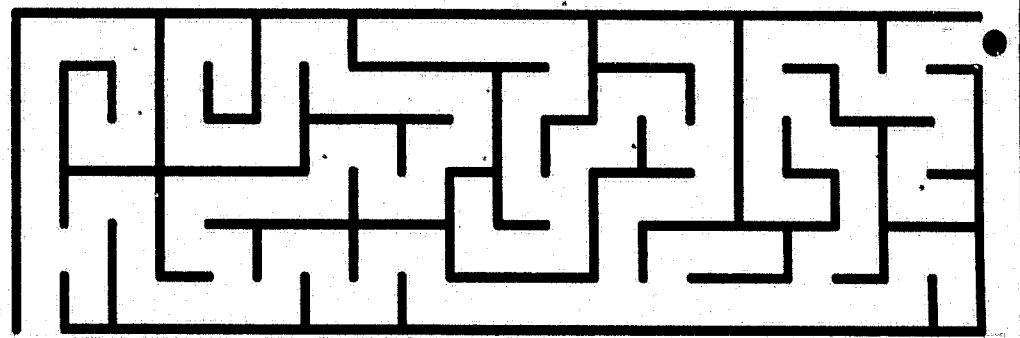
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Z equals P

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Kids' Maze

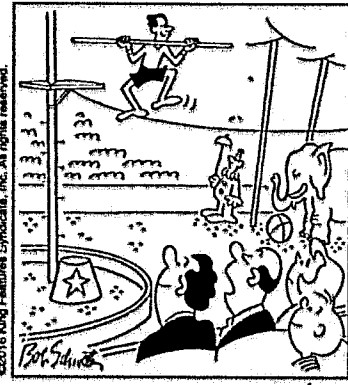


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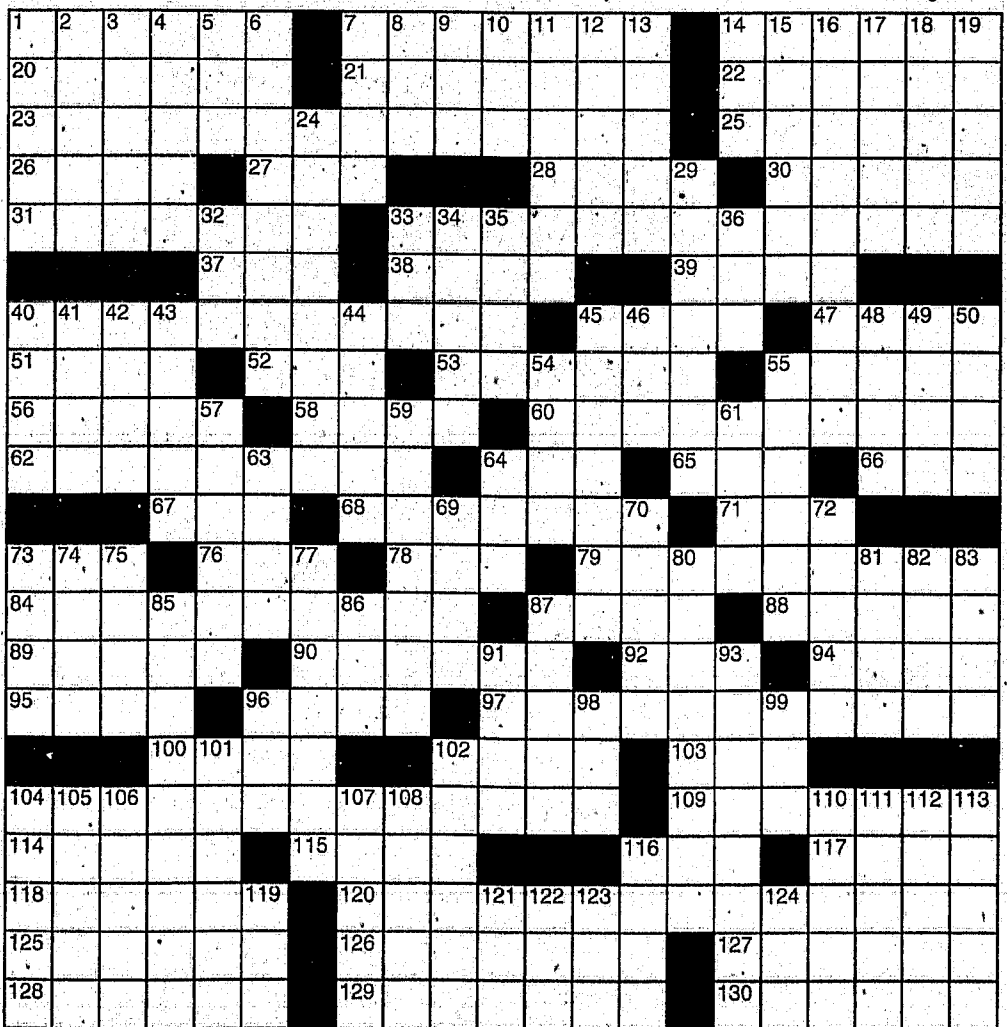
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Super Crossword MIDDLE NAMES

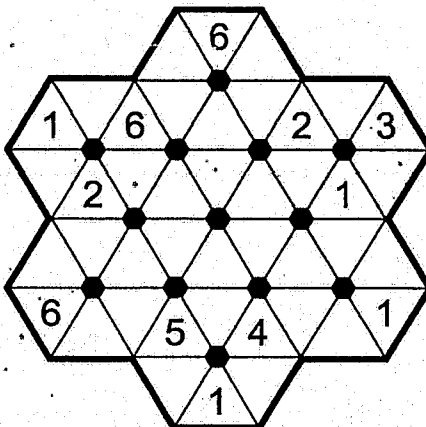
- ACROSS
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 - 20 Idolized
 - 21 Details of one's life
 - 22 Angle unit in math
 - 23 Doctors testifying about injuries, e.g. [Trebek]
 - 25 Third-largest Danish city
 - 26 East — Alto
 - 27 Former space station
 - 28 Tributary of the Seine
 - 30 Compound conjunction
 - 31 Fox's quality
 - 33 Uses a pogo stick [Chavez]
 - 37 Back muscle, informally
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 - 39 Soft throw
 - 40 It's variable with a zoom lens [Ginsberg]
 - 45 Wry Mort-
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 - 52 NM-to-NJ dir.
 - 53 Absorb slowly
 - 55 "Rapture" singer Baker
 - 56 St. Kitts anti-
 - 58 Confident assertion
 - 60 They're part of history [Seagal]
 - 62 Modest reply of gratitude [Hawke]
 - 64 Item fitting in a rowlock
 - 65 Vain one's problem
 - 66 Tyke
 - 67 Above, in an ode
 - 68 Not prone to fading in daylight, as a fabric
 - 71 Wonder
 - 73 Winter malady
 - 76 "Coolness!"
 - 78 It hangs from a hoop
 - 79 Regulations on importing and exporting [St. Johns]
 - 84 Initial race advantages [Lovell]
 - 87 Epée relative
 - 88 Putrefy
 - 89 Guardian
 - 90 Hansel's sis
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 - 128 Fall blooms
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 - 131 Coquettes
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
♦ Easy ♦ ♦ Medium ♦ ♦ ♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

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Kids' Maze Solution

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Today's Word

3. Pique; 4. Sleazy

1. Enigma; 2. Faker

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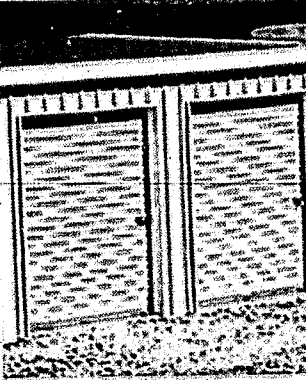
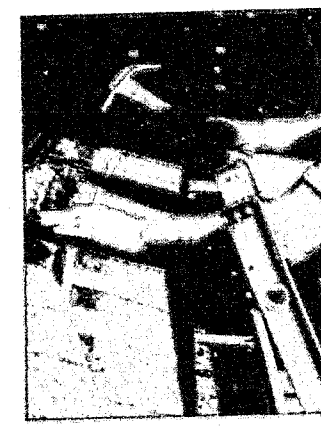
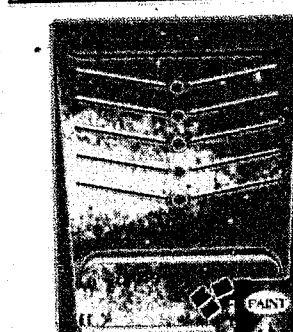
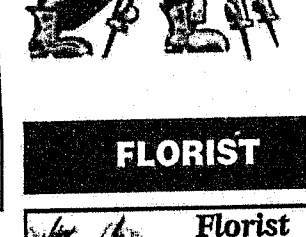
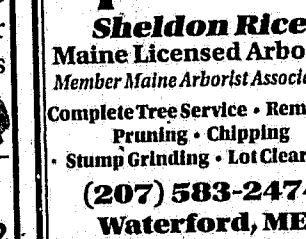
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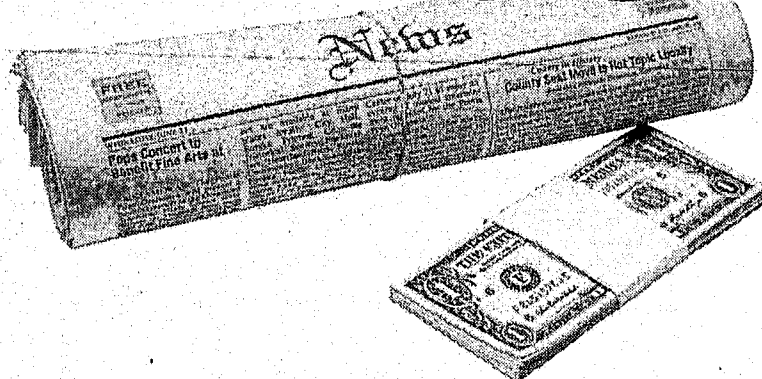
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Obituaries



OLIVE E. RISKO

Olive Elizabeth Risko (nee) 82 of Bryant Pond died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016 at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris.

Olive was born on Sept. 25, 1937, in Bryant Pond daughter of the late John Everett and Rena (Far-
 rington) Howe.

She is survived by her son Robert C. Howe of Highland Mills N.Y., son Larry Risko and his wife Linda of Bryant Pond, son Michael Risko and his wife Joyce of Great Falls, Mont.; former daughter-in-law Mary Gage of Bethel; grandchildren Jodi Howe, Heather McCadden and her husband Robert, Alexandra Risko, Lee Muller and his wife Dianna, Sara Wade and Karrie Risko; siblings J. Francis (Bill) Howe and his wife Winona (Nonie), Edwin Howe, Steve Howe and his wife Joyce, all of Bryant Pond, as well as many nieces, nephews

and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband, Michael Risko, daughter Anita Ganci, son-in-law Lou Ganci and sister-in-law Eloise Howe.

Olive grew up in the village of Bryant Pond and graduated from Woodstock High School, Class of '45.

She graduated from nursing school in Lewiston and was a member of the Nurses Cadet Corps. She pursued a nursing career in New York. It is there she met and married Michael Risko on Aug. 8, 1959. They lived in Spring Valley, N.Y., raising their family until Michael's death in 1982. After Michael's passing, Olive retired and moved back to Bryant Pond.

She was a diehard Red Sox fan and loved her Patriots, too. One of her favorite things in life to do was pack a lunch and drive to Grafton Notch State Park with her Red Sox on the radio.

Memorial services were held at the Jackson Silver Legion Post Legion Hall in Lockes Mills on Wednesday, Dec. 28 with Pastor Sondra Withey officiating.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Ledgeview Living Center for the wonderful care they gave Olive.

Arrangements by Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Services, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

Births

Palman

Jasmine Fyrberg and Cole Palman of Minot are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Camden Michael Palman, born on Dec. 14, 2016. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Lana and the late Glenn Fyrberg of Andover.

Paternal grandparent is Cathleen Palman of South Paris.

Camden joins a sister, Chloe, 1 1/2, and brothers Colin, 6, and Carter, 3.

McCrum

Jonathan and Stevi McCrum of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Morgan Rory Jon McCrum, on Dec. 22, 2016 at 6:56 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Steven and Tammie Fletcher of Mars Hill.

Paternal grandparents are David and Patti McCrum of Mars Hill and Bethel.

Morgan joins brothers Fletcher, 3, and Ladd, 23 months.

Age Friendly Community news: volunteers, acronyms

Happy New Year! Here's a great New Years resolution: decide to volunteer. Many non-profits in our community need volunteers of all varieties and with widely differing skills.

Our Age-Friendly Community Initiative is exploring many ways of using volunteers to help our aging population.

There are many age-friendly projects - large and small - that we learn about from other communities.

Here's one: <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2016/10/25/as-rural-america-ages-volunteers-give-a-hand>, which describes the Harpswell Dream Team (volunteers in their 60s and 70s) that perform home maintenance or do chores that

residents can't do themselves—all for free.

Memory lapses? Who, me? AARP suggests these tips to help you remember: (1) Make an acronym: "My shopping list is FLEB: flour, lettuce, eggs and butter." (2) Take a hint: to recall a name or word, go through the alphabet or focus on any sounds you associate with the word. (3) "Conjure an image: if you want to remember to call Tom, pay a bill and make a doctor's appointment, create a mental picture of Tom at the doctor's office, writing a check."

If you or someone you know would like to be included on my electronic newsletter list (which is emailed out every three weeks), please let me know - and FMI on any of the above: nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110.

Civil War exhibit nears conclusion

The Bethel Historical Society's popular exhibit, "In the Field & On the Home-front: Bethel During the Civil War," will close at the end of the day Friday, Dec. 30.

Created to mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, this exhibition made use of rarely seen artifacts and images from the Society's permanent collection to explore the effects—profound and poignant—of the Civil War on the western Maine town of Bethel, once known as "the Athens of Oxford County."

Although the war years resulted in the loss of many of Bethel's loyal sons (some of whom, having survived military service, chose not to return to Maine), they also witnessed the Town's development as an important inland Maine center of commerce, industry and tourism.

The Society wishes to thank all those who loaned items for display during the five-year run of the exhibit.

On Jan. 31, the Society will open a new exhibit entitled "Hooked Rugs: Art, Craft, and Design" in the same first-floor gallery at the Robinson House.

Annual Fund update

The following individuals and organizations have made donations to the Society's 2016 Annual Fund Campaign over the past two weeks. To them and to previous donors we extend our heartfelt thanks: James L. and Eliza H. Barnes; Ann M. Carlson, in memory of Marjorie Cummings; Pat Owen; Joan Pariseau; Robert and Mary Alice Rippe; Douglas and Jodie Wilson; Nancy H. Fenton; Rodney B. Harrington; Linda Isham, in honor of Tineke and Marvin Ouwinga; Jana P. Kibbe; Steven-son Family Charitable Trust.

Once each year, we, our members and friends put a value on our work by donating to the Annual Fund. These gifts, in turn, help our staff and volunteers maintain daily operations while providing high-quality educational programs, exhibitions, and research activities for people of all ages.

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The Bethel Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Seniors Plus in Norway

SeniorsPlus will be at the Norway Town Office Jan. 23 from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. We will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families.

All events are free and open to the public. For further information and to make an appointment, call SeniorsPlus at 1-800-427-1241.

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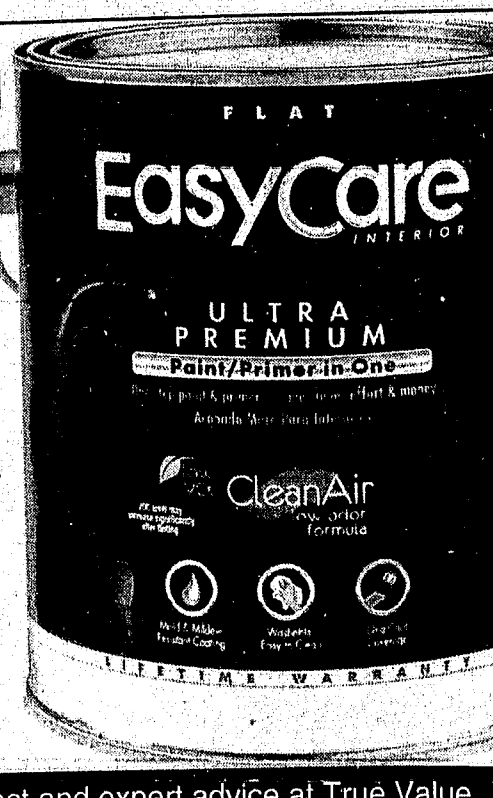
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